



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SADC to Convene Cluster Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Transport, ICT, Information and Meteorology**

**15 June 2026, Gaborone, Botswana:** The Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat will convene the Cluster Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Transport, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), Information and Meteorology from 22 to 26 June 2026 in Bulawayo, Republic of Zimbabwe.

The meeting will be hosted by the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe, through the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructural Development, the Ministry of Information Communication Technology, Postal and Courier Services, the Ministry of Environment, Climate and Wildlife, and the Ministry of Information, Publicity and Broadcasting Services. Honourable Ms. Barbara Creecy, Minister of Transport of the Republic of South Africa will preside over the meeting in her capacity as Chairperson of the SADC Committee of Ministers for Transport, ICT, Information and Meteorology.

This high-level engagement will bring together Ministers and Senior Policymakers from SADC Member States to deliberate on strategic priorities aimed at strengthening regional infrastructure, enhancing connectivity and promoting sustainable development across the region.

These engagements are designed to facilitate coordinated policy dialogue, strengthen regional cooperation and advance harmonised programmes in transport, communications, ICT, meteorology and information services.

#### **The meeting will focus on key priorities, including:**

- Enhancing regional transport corridors and infrastructure development;
- Promoting digital transformation and ICT integration;
- Strengthening climate resilience and meteorological services; and
- Advancing innovation, including the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in infrastructure development.

The convening of this Cluster Meeting underscores SADC's continued commitment to regional integration through coordinated infrastructure development and policy alignment among Member States. The outcomes of the meeting are expected to contribute to improved efficiency in regional systems, enhanced trade facilitation and strengthened resilience to climate and economic challenges.

The Cluster Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Transport, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), Information and Meteorology will be preceded by the following meetings:

- **25 June 2026:** High-Level Ministerial Roundtable Dialogue on *Liberalised Skies and AI-Enabled Climate Resilient Infrastructure to Accelerate Regional Integration and Sustainable Development in SADC*; and
- **22-24 June 2026:** Joint Meeting of SADC Senior Officials Responsible for Transport, ICT, Information and Meteorology.

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